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Basil Raffa, Treasurer
Nevada Republican State Central Committee
8625 W. Sahara Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89117

Response Due Date:
November 28, 2006

Identification Number: C00082925

Reference: Amended July Monthly Report (6/1/06 – 6/30/06), received 8/14/06

Dear Mr. Raffa:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Your 2006 May Monthly (4/1/06 – 4/30/06), 2006 June Monthly (5/1/06 – 5/31/06), and Amended 2006 July Monthly (6/1/06 – 6/30/06), received 8/14/06, Reports combined do not disclose any payments for salary or wages on Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 11 CFR §100.24 defines as Federal Election Activity, services provided by an employee of a State, district or local party committee who spends more than 25 percent of their time during that month on activities in connection with a Federal election. You are advised that payments for salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25 percent of their compensated time in a given month on Federal Election Activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must be made with Federal funds only. Please provide clarification regarding the lack of payments for salary and wages disclosed by your committee.

-Line 2 of the 2006 July Monthly Report (6/1/06 – 6/30/06) Schedule L Aggregation Page for the Levin account discloses a total of \$10,000 in Other Receipts. However, there are not entries itemized on Line 2 of Schedule L-A. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-The totals listed on Lines 1(a) and 1(b), Column B of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the Levin account appear to be incorrect. Please be

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advised that you should add the "Column B Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Column A Total This Period" figure to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule L supporting Line 1(b) of your report discloses a negative amount. However, it appears that this receipt was not previously reported by your committee as you have thus far disclosed no receipts on Schedule L supporting Line 1(b) during the 2006 calendar year. Please amend the appropriate report(s) to disclose the original date of the receipt on Schedule L supporting Line 1(b) of the Schedule L Aggregation Page.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Consulting Fundraising/NONEMPLOYEE," "Event Banquet Fee," "Event fee / MBNA Credit Card," and "Event Participation Fee" on Schedule H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

Alternatively, if the payment(s) on Schedule H4 is associated with fundraising activity conducted for your committee's federal and non-federal accounts, it must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Further, it must be categorized as a fundraising activity on Schedule H4. Please provide clarifying information regarding the nature of this transaction(s) and amend your report(s) as appropriate.

-Schedule H4 discloses payments made to MBNA totaling \$6,263.33 for shared federal and non-federal activity. However, the sum of memo entries which appear to be related to these payments totals \$5,855.66. Please be advised that these payments must identify as memo entries, the original vendors from which you have purchased an item or service regardless of the amount. Please amend your report by providing the name and mailing address of the original vendor, along with the date, amount and purpose of each expenditure. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Reimburse petty cash." Please be advised that a political committee may maintain a petty cash fund out of which it may make expenditures not in excess of \$100 to any person per purchase or transaction. 11 CFR §102.11 Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity.

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-Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the Voter Drive category which use a ratio that is inconsistent with the ratio disclosed on Schedule H1. The fixed ratio for the allocation of administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity expenses by State, district and local party committees should be the same for the full two-year election cycle unless a Special election is scheduled during an odd numbered year. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

Please note that if your non-federal account has overpaid your federal account because of this miscalculation, it will be necessary to immediately transfer these funds back to the non-federal account. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from political action committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,



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